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Ken George, Quarry Manager
Holcim (U.S. Inc.)- Devil's Slide Plant
6055 East Croydon Road
Morgan, Utah 84050

Subject: Resolution of Public Protest Letters, Holcim's (US) Inc., Skull Valley
Diatomaceous Earth Quarry, M/045/060, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. George:

The Division received four written objections, within the 30-day public comment period, to the publication of tentative approval for the Skull Valley Diatomaceous Earth Quarry. Comments were also received from state agencies through the Resource Development Coordinating Committee. A copy of the comments and objections were sent to you.

The Division temporarily suspended tentative approval until we were able to evaluate the comments and determine if they were substantive and required a formal adjudicative hearing in accordance with UCA 40-8-13. You provided the Division information in order to help us evaluate the comments and any actions you would take to prevent future problems. We scheduled a site inspection with you and discussed the issues brought up on site. Holcim sent letters to all the protestors discussing your resolution to the problems. The Division then talked with Shirley Andrus who stated she felt that the company had adequately addressed their protests and felt the project could go forward.

Final approval will be issued when we have received and approved the \$99,700 surety bond and accompanying Reclamation Contract. All coordination regarding the Reclamation Contract and Surety Bond must be directed through Beth Erikson at 801-538-5318.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White
Program Coordinator
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cc: Glenn Carpenter, BLM, SLFO w/comments
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